

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 9/5/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 10-19, renumbered as 1-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Kim on October 19, 2006.

2. In the specification: On page 5, paragraph 0012 (Brief Description of The Drawing):

(i) On line 10, delete "and";

(ii) At the end of line 12, insert – and

Fig. 6 illustrates an exemplary computer-based system for managing a network --.

3. In the claims: please amend the claims 1 and 15-16 as following^{ing}:

In claims 1 and 16, line 2: insert after "real time" – resulting in a set of CDP type of nodes, --;

In claim 1 line 16, claim 15 line 14 and claim 16, line 17: insert after "network" – wherein the first CDP node can be any of the CDP type of nodes within the network --; and

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In claim 15 lines 1-2, replace "CDP nodes of a network of nodes of various types" with – Cisco Discovery Protocol (CDP) nodes in a network of nodes of various types in real time resulting in a set of CDP type of nodes, --.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest individually or in combination a network node discovering method based on Cisco Discovery Protocol, which begins by selecting a first node that is responsive to the Cisco Discovery Protocol (see paragraphs 20-21 of the specification for more details of the protocol). The so discovered nodes are called CDP nodes or CDP type of nodes. By properly seeding any known CDP node in the network and requesting information contained in a management information base (MIB) regarding additional CDP nodes, the method is able to recursively exploring the neighboring nodes of same node type in real time in a network containing nodes of various types, resulting in a set of CDP type of nodes and display the same.

5. Pursuant to MPEP 606.01, the title has been changed to read:

-- RECURSIVE DISCOVERY OF CDP TYPE OF NODES IN A NETWORK OF VARIOUS
NODE TYPES --.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday(8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:


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